

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this Application and entry of this Amendment after Final are respectfully requested. After entry of this Amendment, claims 22, 25-27 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 12-15, 17, 18, 20, 23 and 24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,814,064 to Daniel *et al.*

Claims 2, 5-7 and 9-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,814,064 to Daniel *et al.*

Claims 16, 19, 21 and 22 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

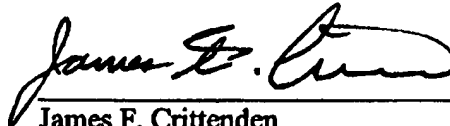
In response to the outstanding rejections and objections, Applicant has made the following amendments to place the Application in condition for allowance. Claims 1-21, 23 and 24 have been canceled. Claims 16, 19 and 21 have been rewritten as new claims 25, 26 and 27, respectively, including all of the limitations of the rejected base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 22 has been amended to depend from new claim 27. No new matter has been added in this amendment.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would, in any way, expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at telephone number (978) 739-3075 (EDT).

Dated this 30th day of November, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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